

* **Call to Worship: *Be Still, for the Presence***

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight; our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

* **God's Greeting**

* ***Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty*** #323:1,2,4 (HFG)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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* ***Be Exalted, O God***

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
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* ***Beneath the Cross***

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

* join us in standing if able

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

Lenten Reading: *Luke 9:34-36*

Hallelujah for the Cross

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Up to the hill of Calvary,
My Savior went courageously.
And there He bled and died for me,
Hallelujah for the cross.
And on the day the world was changed,
A final perfect Lamb was slain.
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,
Hallelujah for the cross.

Refrain: Hallelujah for the war He fought.
Love has won, death has lost.
Hallelujah for the souls He bought.
Hallelujah for the cross.

What good I've done could never save,
My debt too great for deeds to pay.
But God, my Savior made a way,
Hallelujah for the cross.
A slave to sin, my life was bound.
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down.
Hallelujah for the cross. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* ***Man of Sorrows***

#246:1,3 (HFG)

"Man of Sorrows!" What a name
For the Son of God who came;
Ruined sinners to reclaim,
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement can it be,
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

* **Scripture:** *Ephesians 1:3-6 (ESV)*

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³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

Matthew 25:34 (ESV)

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³⁴ *Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

II Timothy 1:9 (ESV)

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⁹ *(God) saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Gospel Before Time*

Prayer

* ***God of Grace***

God of grace, amazing wonder,
Irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy,
Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
As my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom;
Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me
Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven;
Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus;
I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me,
As I lean on Him alone.

*** God's Blessing**

*** God of Grace**

God of grace, I stand astounded,
Cleansed forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You
In Your everlasting grace.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Dustin H, Tim V

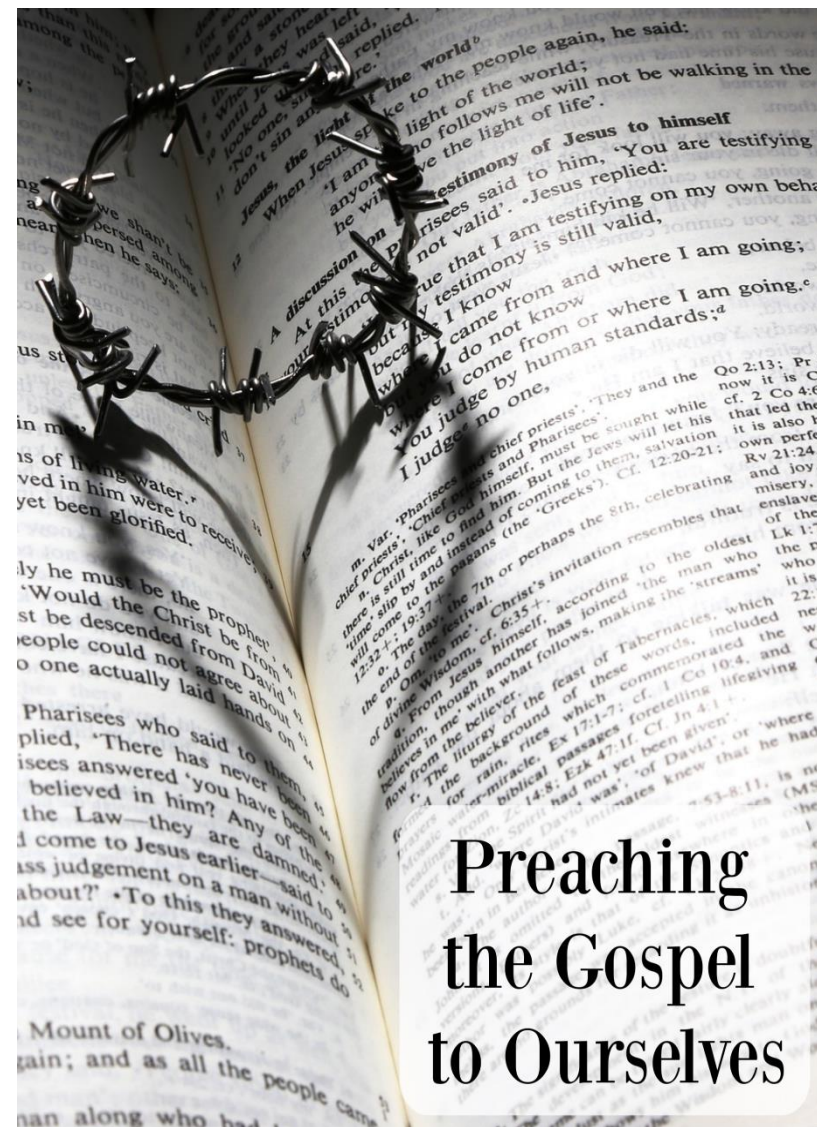
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